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Provisional annotated agenda

1. Opening of the session

The Executive Board will hear opening statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director of UNICEF.

Organizational and procedural matters

2. Adoption of the provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work
For decision [E/ICEF/2015/4]

The provisional agenda is prepared in consultation with the Bureau of the Executive Board and is based on the programme of work adopted by the Executive Board at its 2014 second regular session. The Executive Board will adopt the agenda for the session, making any amendments it considers necessary.

Programme and policy matters

3. Annual report of the Executive Director of UNICEF: performance and results for 2014, including a report on the implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review
For decision [E/ICEF/2015/5 and E/ICEF/2015/5/Add.1]

The report covers 2014, the first year of the Strategic Plan, 2014-2017. The report aims to: (a) take stock of changes in the global context affecting children, including emerging issues, (b) present results and analyse progress in each Outcome Area, including humanitarian action and gender equality, as well as in organizational efficiency and effectiveness. Further analysed in the accompanying data companion are trends in progress and performance against key indicators, in the context of the Strategic Plan as well as the Millennium Development Goals and commitments of the Millennium Declaration.

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UNICEF report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit
For information [E/ICEF/2015/6]

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2001/4, the report summarizes the UNICEF response to recommendations that are relevant to the organization, contained in six reports and one note issued from September 2013 through December 2014.

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4. Annual report on the implementation of the UNICEF Gender Action Plan, 2014-2017

For information [E/ICEF/2015/8]

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/8, the report provides an update on programmatic and institutional results — including an update on financial resources and expenditures — based on the results matrix, indicators and performance benchmarks of the Gender Action Plan.

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5. UNICEF programme cooperation

(a) Country programme documents

For decision

The four country programme documents listed below are presented to the Executive Board for approval on a no-objection basis, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/1. Costed evaluation plans for each country programme are posted to the UNICEF Executive Board website alongside the document. The United Nations Development Assistance Framework results matrices are also available through the UNICEF Executive Board website.

The four country programme documents will be presented by region:

Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States
Armenia (E/ICEF/2015/P/L.7)
Turkmenistan (E/ICEF/2015/P/L.8)

Eastern and Southern Africa
Uganda (E/ICEF/2015/P/L.10)
Zimbabwe (E/ICEF/2015/P/L.9)

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(b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes

For decision [E/ICEF/2015/P/L.11]

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2009/11, the Executive Board will be (i) informed of the one-year extensions of the country programmes for Burkina Faso, Mozambique, Somalia and Yemen, and (ii) requested to approve the one-year extension, following a two-year extension, of the country programme for Côte d'Ivoire, and the second one-year extensions of the country programmes for Lebanon and Libya.

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Evaluation, audit and oversight matters

6. Evaluation reports and management perspective and response

Annual report for 2014 on the evaluation function in UNICEF, and management perspective
For decision [E/ICEF/2015/10]; For information [UNICEF/2015/EB/1]

The annual report is prepared in accordance with Executive Board decision 2008/4, which requested UNICEF to report annually to the Executive Board on the evaluation function and on findings and recommendations of evaluations. The report provides information on global developments in evaluation and the current state of the evaluation function in UNICEF, and outlines progress made in response to requests contained in Executive Board decisions. The report is accompanied by a management perspective.

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Formative evaluation of the MoRES approach, and a management response

The formative evaluation, completed in 2014, supports the efforts of UNICEF to further articulate, develop and mainstream MoRES (Monitoring Results for Equity System), as a key approach of the refocus on Equity. The report on the evaluation, which contains forward-looking lessons and recommendations, is presented in accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/16 and is accompanied by a management response. Both documents are available through the UNICEF Executive Board website.

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7. Internal Audit and Investigations

UNICEF Office of Internal Audit and Investigations 2014 annual report to the Executive Board
For decision [E/ICEF/2015/AB/L.2]

The report, prepared annually in accordance with Executive Board decision 1997/28, provides an overview of the Office, describes the key issues highlighted by its internal audit and investigations work, summarizes organizational follow-up to and implementation of audit observations and recommendations, and gives

information on the disclosure of internal audit reports during 2014, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2012/13.

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Management response to the UNICEF Office of Internal Audit and Investigations 2014 annual report to the Executive Board
For information [E/ICEF/2015/AB/L.3]

The management response takes into account requests made by the Executive Board in its decisions 2010/17, 2011/21, 2012/13 and 2013/14.

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UNICEF Audit Advisory Committee annual report for 2014
For information

The annual report of this independent external oversight body is presented to the Executive Board for information.

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8. Report of the Ethics Office of UNICEF for 2014
For information [E/ICEF/2015/9]

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Other matters and adoption of draft decisions

9. Address by the Chairperson of the UNICEF Global Staff Association

The Chairperson of the Global Staff Association addresses the Executive Board at its annual session.

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10. Reports of the Executive Board field visits

For information [UNICEF/2015/EB/3 and UNICEF/2015/EB/4]

The following two reports will be presented: (a) report of the field visit to the UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Office, Bangkok, and to Malaysia, by Members of the Bureau of the Executive Board, from 27 March to 3 April 2015, and (b) report of the field visit of the Executive Board of UNICEF to Madagascar, from 13 to 17 April 2015.

11. Other matters

The Executive Board has before it the provisional list of agenda items for its second regular session of 2015 and may consider discussing any other issue under this agenda item.

12. Adoption of draft decisions

13. UNICEF Staff Awards and closing statements by the Executive Director of UNICEF and the President of the Executive Board

Following the announcement of the 2015 Staff Awards, the Executive Board will hear statements by the Executive Director of UNICEF and the President of the Executive Board.

Provisional timetable and organization of work for the 2015 annual session of the UNICEF Executive Board 16-19 June 2015[1]

Tuesday 16 June	a.m. 10:00-1:00	Item 1	Opening of the session: Statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director of UNICEF
			Special focus session
		Item 2	Adoption of the provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work
	1:15-2:30		*Informal consultations*
	p.m. 3:00-5:00	Item 3	Annual report of the Executive Director of UNICEF: performance and results for 2014, including a report on the implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review
			UNICEF report on recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit
	5:00-6:00		*Informal consultations*
Wednesday 17 June	a.m. 10:00-1:00	Item 4	Annual report on the implementation of the UNICEF Gender Action Plan, 2014-2017
		Item 5	UNICEF programme cooperation:
			(a) Country programme documents
			(b) Extensions of ongoing country programmes
	1:15-2:30		*Informal consultations*
	p.m. 3:00-5:00	Item 6	Evaluation reports, and management perspective and response
			Annual report for 2014 on the evaluation function in UNICEF, and management perspective
			Formative evaluation of the MoRES approach, and management response
	5:00-6:00		*Informal consultations*

[1] When consideration of an agenda item concludes ahead of the allocated time, the next item will be taken up for consideration and the timetable adjusted accordingly.

Thursday 18 June	a.m. 10:00-1:00	Item 7	Internal Audit and Investigations
			UNICEF Office of Internal Audit and Investigations 2014 annual report to the Executive Board, and management response
			UNICEF Audit Advisory Committee annual report for 2014
		Item 8	Report of the Ethics Office of UNICEF for 2014
	1:15-2:30		*Informal consultations*
	p.m. 3:00-5:00	Item 9	Address by the Chairperson of the UNICEF Global Staff Association
		Item 10	Reports of Executive Board field visits
	5:00-6:00		*Informal consultations*
Friday 19 June	a.m. 10:00-1:00	Item 11	Other matters
		Item 12	Adoption of draft decisions
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